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WASHINGTON, January 14, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 9 totaled an estimated 15.4 billion ton-miles, 11.7 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 2 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 28.1 billion ton-miles, 11.6 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 9 totaled 360,717 cars, 12.6 percent below 1981, but 24.9 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 0.8 percent in the East, 7.9 percent in the South and 21.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings were up 12,576 cars, or 12.3 percent. All but one of the 21 groups were up from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the holiday week ended January 2 totaled 23,390 cars, up 14.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 41,920 trailers and/or containers, 13.2 percent higher than last year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/9/82:

	Loadings in Week ended January 9,1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	21,911	D	14,202	39.3	I	3,191	17.0
Other farm products	4,378	D	374	7.9	D	23	0.5
Metallic ores	20,393	D	8,464	29.3	I	1,552	8.2
Coal	114,658	I	12,576	12.3	I	21,393	22.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	8,200	D	2,238	21.4	I	2,530	44.6
Nonmetallic minerals	11,442	D	2,620	18.6	I	2,890	33.8
Grain mill products	12,859	D	3,484	21.3	I	2,621	25.6
Food and kindred products	13,822	D	2,291	14.2	I	2,710	24.4
Primary forest products	16,221	D	3,836	19.1	I	5,420	50.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	4,599	D	2,977	39.3	I	723	18.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	16,086	D	3,522	18.0	I	4,154	34.8
Chemicals and allied products	23,439	D	4,425	15.9	I	1,373	6.2
Petroleum products	5,196	D	904	14.8	I	875	20.2
Stone, clay and glass products	9,729	D	3,806	28.1	I	1,371	16.4
Coke	5,296	D	367	6.5	I	802	17.8
Metals and products	11,625	D	2,528	17.9	I	1,910	19.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	8,600	D	4,630	35.0	I	4,177	94.4
Waste and scrap materials	8,327	D	3,358	28.7	I	2,732	48.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,019	D	721	9.3	I	1,574	28.9
All other carloads	36,768	I	286	0.8	I	9,958	37.1
LCL traffic	149	D	60	28.7	I	17	12.9
Total Cars Loaded	360,717	D	51,945	12.6	I	71,950	24.9
Corresponding week of 1981	412,662						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (2 weeks)	649,484	751,051	D 13.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
Week ended January 2	12.7	14.3	D 11.4
Week ended January 9	15.4	17.5	D 11.7
2 Weeks cumulative	28.1	31.8	D 11.6

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